Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Original) A computer system, comprising:

an output device for providing information to a user;

an input device for receiving requests from the user;

a processor connected to said input device and to said output device to process requests and provide information; and

a routing program executed by said processor, said routing program being connected to receive a user name, a user password, and a domain name associated with the user and to route requests for authorization according to said domain name.

2.   (Original) The computer system of Claim 1, wherein said processor is a server.

3.   (Original) The computer system of Claim 1, wherein said input device is a keyboard.

4.   (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 1, wherein said routing program routes requests to [[ones]] one of a plurality of heterogeneous registries used to authenticate users of the computer system.

5.   (Original) The computer system of Claim 4, wherein said plurality of heterogeneous registries are accessed by a corresponding plurality of heterogeneous access protocols.

6.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing secure system access, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a user, a user name, password, and a domain name;

using said domain name to determine an access protocol and an access registry that is associated with said domain name; [[and]]

routing access queries from said user to said access registry using said access protocol; and authenticating said user using said access registry.

7.   (Original) The method of Claim 6, further comprising the step of determining if said access protocol that is associated with said domain name is in memory.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, further comprising the step of loading said access protocol that is associated with said domain name <u>if said access protocol is not in said memory</u>.

9.   (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein said using step determines an access protocol from a plurality of heterogeneous access protocols.

10.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product on a computer readable medium, said computer program product comprising:

a login routine for receiving a user identification, a password, and a domain name <u>of a user</u>; and

a router routine that receives authorization queries and routes said authorization queries <u>to an authentication registry</u> according to said domain name<u>, wherein said user is authenticated using said authentication registry</u>.

11.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 10, further comprising a plurality of heterogeneous <u>authentication</u> registries and a corresponding plurality of heterogeneous access methods to which said router routine routes said queries.

12.   (Original) The computer program product of Claim 10, wherein said router routine determines if an access method corresponding to said domain name is already in memory.

13.   (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

an output device for providing information to a user;

an input device for receiving requests from the user;

a processor that is connected to said input device and to said output device to process requests and provide information;

a plurality of heterogeneous registries, each of said registries being associated with a corresponding access protocol; and

a routing program, ~~connected~~ <u>executing</u> on said processor to route authorization requests to a corresponding one of said plurality of heterogeneous registries <u>to authenticate said user, wherein said routing program routes said authorization requests according to a domain name associated with said user</u>.

14.   (Original) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein said processor is a server.

15.   (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein said ~~input device is a keyboard~~ plurality of heterogeneous registries are each used for user authentication.

16.   (Cancelled)

17.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing secure system access, said method comprising the steps of:
     providing a plurality of heterogeneous authentication registries, said plurality of authentication registries being accessed by a corresponding plurality of access protocols;
     routing authorization queries to a corresponding one of said plurality of access protocols which accesses a corresponding one of said plurality of authentication registries to authenticate a user to access a resource of a system.

18.   (Original) The method of Claim 17, further comprising the step of determining if said corresponding one of said plurality of access protocols is in memory.

19.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 18, further comprising the step of loading said corresponding one of said plurality of access protocols if said corresponding one of said plurality of access protocols is not in said memory.

20.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 17, wherein said routing step routes said authorization query according to a domain name specified by [[a]] said user.

21.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product on a computer readable medium, said computer program product comprising:
     a router connected to receive authorization queries and to route said authorization queries to one of a plurality of heterogeneous authentication registries through an associated heterogeneous access method, wherein a user is authenticated using said one of the plurality of heterogeneous authentication registries.

22.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 21, wherein said router routes said authorization queries according to a domain name received from [[a]] said user.